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SUBJECT: EXPORT OF US URANIUM TO FRG

REF: BONN 5946 (NOTAL)

1. THE FOLLOWING IS A USIS BONN SUMMARY OF
REMARKS MADE BY THE PRESS SPOKESMAN OF THE FRG
FOREIGN OFFICE AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE HELD AT
1430 HRS. APRIL 14.

IN ANSWER TO THE QUESTION WHETHER THE FRG HAD
FORESEEN THAT THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY WAS TO
EXPECT AN AMERICAN HALT IN DELIVERY OF ENRICHED
URANIUM, THE SPOKESMAN REFERRED TO THE INQUIRY
MADE IN PARLIAMENT, THE REPLY TO WHICH HE DID NOT
WANT TO ANTICIPATE. HE SAID IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING
THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN

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PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES AND THAT, IN ADDITION, THE

CURRENT OFFSET AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR TWO MILLION DM FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF ENRICHED URANIUM. ALL AGREEMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN CONCLUDED WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR THE SUPPLY OF GERMAN ELECTRICITY WORKS WERE ON A LONG-TERM BASIS. MOREOVER THIS WAS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EURATOM, WHICH HAS AN AGREEMENT WITH THE U.S. ON THE DELIVERY OF FUELS. AT PRESENT EURATOM IS ENDEAVOURING TO FIND OUT WHAT THE MOTIVES FOR THE TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF EXPORT LICENSES BY THE U.S. ARE. OF COURSE THE FRG IS ALSO INTERESTED IN THIS INFORMATION. IN ADDITION TO DISCUSSIONS INITIATED BY THE EUROPEAN SUPPLY AGENCY, WHICH ARE PRESENTLY TAKING PLACE, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ALSO HAS REQUESTED INFORMATION FROM THE U.S. EMBASSY IN BONN ON THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROCEDURE. AT THE SAME TIME THE SCIENTIFIC ATTACHE AT THE GERMAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON HAS TAKEN UP CONTACT WITH THE COMPETENT AUTHORITIES, TO INCLUDE THE STATE DEPARTMENT. THE SPEAKER REPEATED THAT THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC HAS SUFFICIENT SUPPLY FOR A NUMBER OF WEEKS AND THAT UNTIL THEN EVERYTHING WOULD BE DONE TO REACH A DECISION AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. AS TO WHETHER THE U.S. IS THE ONLY SUPPLIER OF ENRICHED URANIUM, THE SPEAKER REPLIED THAT, AT THE PRESENT TIME, BESIDES THE U.S., ONLY THE SOVIET UNION WOULD BE ABLE TO SUPPLY URANIUM, BUT TO A LESSER EXTENT. OF THE EUROPEAN ENRICHMENT INSTALLATIONS, THE GERMAN-BELGIAN DUTCH INSTALLATION WOULD ONLY BE ABLE TO SUPPLY LARGER QUANTITIES, BEGINNING IN 1979, AND THE FRENCH INSTALLATION SLIGHTLY LATER. THE SPOKESMAN CONFIRMED AGAIN THAT AT PRESENT NEGOTIATIONS ARE TAKING PLACE ON ALL LEVELS.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY NEEDS ASAP IN ADDITION TO REPORT AND GUIDANCE REQUESTED PARA 3 REFTEL ACTUAL TEXT OF NRG DECISION TO SUSPEND URANIUM EXPORTS AS WELL AS NRC PRESS RELEASES ON THE SUBJECT.

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